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Search Report of German Patent Office dated October 19, 2004 concerning related German Patent Application No. 103 50 120.7, priority of which is claimed in this application.

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STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from counterpart English language patent documents identified herein.

STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

Canada Patent 2 141 467 corresponds to DE 44 02 624.

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European Patent Application EP 0 721 846 corresponds to DE 695 15 836.

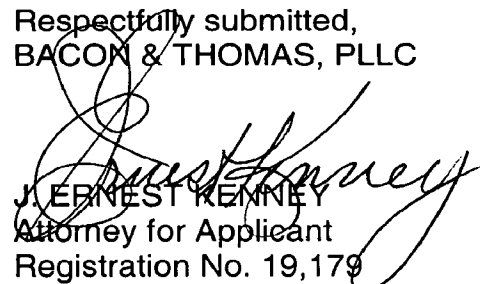
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